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Yakuts and Tunguses have a peculiar fear of sick people who are facing death. The others leave the patient to his destiny without giving him the least help. The inhabitants of the Sagastyr island in the Lena delta, for instance, destroyed their yurtas with the sick in them and settled beyond the stream on the Kytach island. The Tchuktchis have a custom which is a little different and highly characteristic of their lacking sense of family. When an old man notices that his strength is decaying and that he is going to be a nuisance for those among whom he lives, he wants to rid himself of contempt and asks his eldest son to send him to his ancestors. In compliance with a sacred duty the son then places his father behind a curtain to spare himself the gruesome spectacle when he pushes the heavy knife into the father's heart.